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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCURE BY NEGOTIATION A CONTRACT WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLUS INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES**

This is to notify the Board that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) intends to Procure by Negotiation (PBN) a contract with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Greater Los Angeles for Workforce Development plus Independent Living Services (WD+ILS), which is required to address an emergent need.

The contract will be funded for one year, with two one-year options to extend. The estimated annual cost of the WD+ILS program is \$900,000 and will be funded with State Realignment funds.

On December 31, 2015, DCFS released a Request for Information to determine interest in the program. Three Statements of Interest were received by the January 15, 2016, deadline for submissions. Only one of the three interested parties, the YWCA, fulfilled the profile of a qualified agency.

According to Board policy, departments intending to negotiate sole source services contracts of \$250,000 or greater must provide advance written notice to the Board. DCFS will proceed with contract negotiations four weeks from the date of this notice, unless otherwise instructed by a Board office.

This program is intended to better prepare Assembly Bill (AB) 12 youth who are Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) ages 18 to 21 to live successful, self-sufficient, independent lives after leaving care. The program will continue services to these youth to help them avoid negative outcomes associated with emancipating out of foster care, such as homelessness, incarceration, unemployment, and unfinished education.

Services to be provided under this program include residential housing, educational and vocational training, and transitional support to ensure self-sufficiency.

An important component of this contract is that NMDs ages 18 to 21 will be accepted on both planned and emergent bases, as youth may require immediate placement without notice at any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Youth will be engaged on various levels in order to facilitate successful program outcomes. Foster youth will gain soft skills, technical skills, life skills linkages, and personalized career transition services that lead to long-term employment, career advancement, or continued education.

By negotiating a contract with the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles, the County can enhance its efforts to recruit and retain adequate and appropriate placement resources. Following the negotiation process, DCFS reserves the right to contract with additional agencies that fulfill the profile of a qualified agency.

The recommended term of the contract will be one year with two additional one-year renewal options. The total projected annual cost for the contract is \$900,000, and will be funded with State Realignment funds.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 351-5530.

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